



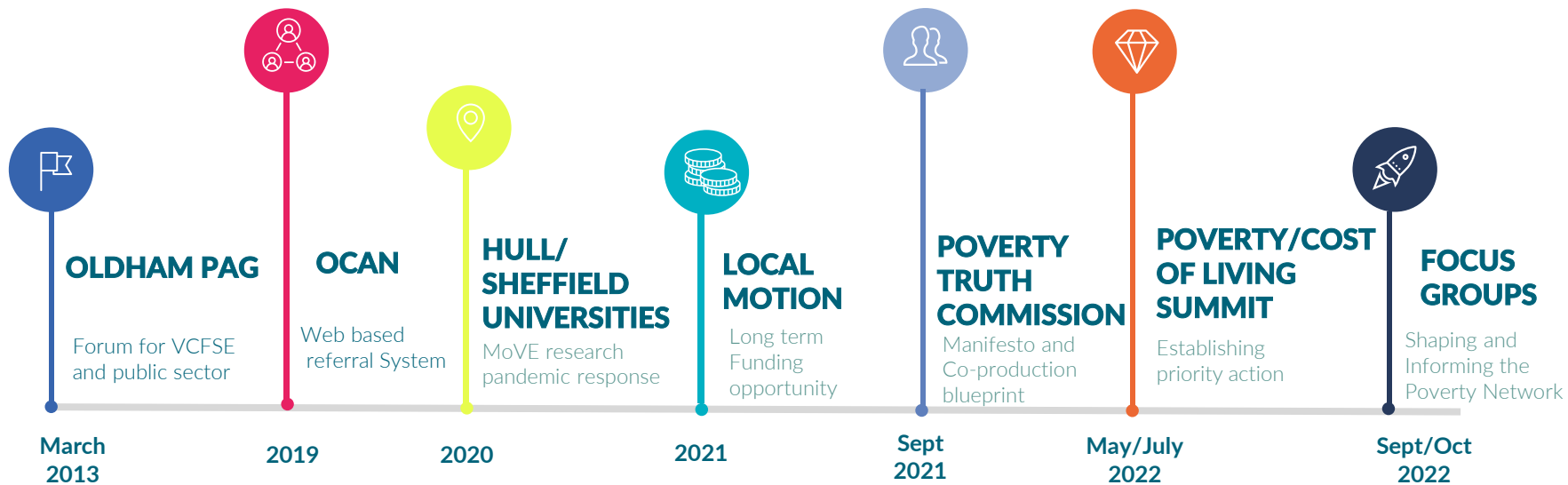
Oldham Poverty Action Network

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OUR Journey: where we've been





Poverty Summit – July 22

Emerging priorities:

- Warm Spaces
- Person centred
- Lobbying
- Food access & provision
- Early Intervention and Prevention
- System change: creating a system that works for people and removing barriers
- Harnessing Lived Experience
- Hope and aspiration
- Wealth creation
- Training skills and opportunities
- Mental health
- Innovation
- Building out from covid response
- Action orientated



LocalMotion

6 National Funders investing in 6 Places: Oldham, Lincoln, Camarthern, Middlesborough, Torbay and Enfield

For Communities, By Communities

Three Oldham priority themes: Strengthening community spirit, aligning efforts to tackle poverty, and creating good jobs and social enterprise.

8-year long term funding proposal



Where we were....

Poverty Truth Commission
(Manifesto and Co-pro blueprint)

**Oldham Community Advice
Network** (referral tool)

Thematic Networks (Food
Solutions; Rough Sleeping)

MoVE (evaluation
and facilitation)

**Poverty/Cost of Living
Summit** (network and
partners)

**Oldham Poverty
Action Network**

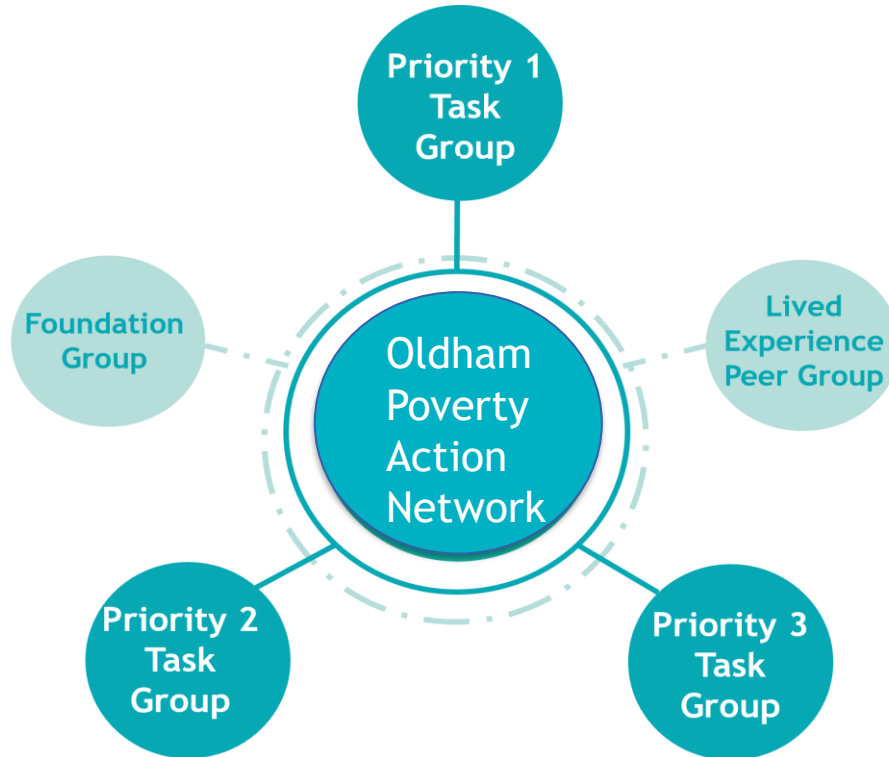


Let's hear from our members with lived experience...

The Oldham Poverty Truth Commission **brings together the experiences of people who have been in poverty alongside people who work in council and health services, businesses, and charities** to make deep changes to the causes of poverty in Oldham.



Where we are now...



Priority Task Groups

- 1. Building out from the cost-of-living response
- 2. Hope and Aspirations: Creating routes out of poverty
- 3. Building a joined-up approach to poverty alleviation & prevention.

Key Questions...

What innovative approaches and models might we want to draw on?

What barriers might we jointly face?

How could we overcome these collectively?

Task Group 1 - Building out from the cost-of-living response

Co-designed Action focused on:

1. Comms Campaigns that connect with people experiencing poverty and how they can get help and support
2. Oldham Community Advice Network – Digital Referral System, Connecting people seamlessly to the right support and advice

Task Group 2 - Hope and Aspirations: Creating routes out of poverty

Co-designed Action focused on:

1. Creating supported volunteering opportunities and developing the pathways into volunteering and employment.
 1. Dedicated Volunteer Centre volunteering officer based with DWP Oldham Job Centre – working directly with people and their work coaches
 2. Uplift Programme – Community organisations who can offer supported volunteering opportunities to people at the point of crisis.
 3. Inclusive Recruitment Toolkit

Task Group 3 - Building a joined-up approach to poverty alleviation & prevention

Co-designed Action focused on:

1. Developing an Oldham Systems Conditions Forum

- Working together to create a space to explore and tackle system conditions that are preventing people moving out of poverty, with people with lived experience equitably involved alongside system partners.

2. Developing Community Leadership and Voice and Influence


- Developing community capacity and confidence to strengthen the community voice to influence system decision making.



Systems Condition Forum

- Changing Futures – System Change Day May 23
 - System Conditions identified:
 1. Homelessness and housing
 2. Benefits sanctions
 3. Co-occurring conditions mental health and addiction
- Through the OPAN Task Group we have codesigned:
 - A framework for a system conditions forum
 - A statement of intent
- Jan 2024 Oldham Public Service Reform Board Members committed their organisations to working together using this approach





**“The way to get started
is to quit talking and
begin doing.”**

Walt Disney